



RESOLUTION

RENAMING KANEOHE BEACH PARK TO NĀONEALA'A A KĀNE'OHE.

WHEREAS, Section 22-9.3(a)(2), Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 1990 ("ROH"), provides that a new or existing park, site, or facility may be named:

1. For the neighborhood, community, district, or region in which the park, site, or facility is located;
2. After the primary street which it abuts; or
3. In the Hawaiian language with a name which describes the site or its use, function or purpose; and

WHEREAS, ROH Section 22-9.4(b) states:

- (b) Permanent statues, busts, or other memorials may be erected, placed, or installed in city parks, sites, and facilities to honor:
- (1) Persons or groups that have a significant association with the park, site, or facility;
 - (2) Persons or groups for which a park, site, or facility has been named;
 - (3) A belief, ideal, concept, or historical event of significance to the community, city, state, nation, or world;
 - (4) A historical event of significance to the park, site, or facility;
 - (5) A person or group which has contributed significantly to the park, site, or facility;
 - (6) A person or group which has achieved significant recognition historically on the city, state, national, or international level; or
 - (7) A person or group which has been honored for service with the armed forces of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, ROH Section 22-9.5(f) authorizes the City Council ("Council") to "on its own motion, designate a name for a new or existing park, site, facility, or any portion



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thereof, or memorial, consistent with the requirements set forth herein, by adoption of an appropriate resolution"; and

WHEREAS, Kaneohe Beach Park, located at 45-15 Waikalua Road (Tax Map Key 4-5-006: 001), is under the jurisdiction of the Department of Parks and Recreation; and

WHEREAS, this beach park has long been a gathering place frequented by neighborhood families and residents of the area; and

WHEREAS, noted Hawaiian historian Samuel M. Kamakau wrote of the area's importance in connection with the chief La'amaikahiki, after whom the place was named Nāoneala'a, or "the sands of La'amaikahiki; and

WHEREAS, La'amaikahiki built three heiau in the area and lived there for some time during his reign as chief of the island of Oahu; and

WHEREAS, the area has great historical significance as the location of a great gathering in 1737 where the chiefs of all the islands of Hawaii gathered to make peace after years of war among them; and

WHEREAS, hundreds of canoes filled with warriors from the islands of Hawaii and Maui were seen from this beach around Kaneohe Bay to Mokapu; and

WHEREAS, warriors from the islands of Oahu and Kauai covered the hillside above the beach awaiting the meeting of the powerful chiefs; and

WHEREAS, Chiefs Alapai and Peleioholani came together at Nāoneala'a seeking peace and the meeting ended when Alapai declared to Peleioholani that, "all shall be as it was before," signaling the end of their conflict; and

WHEREAS, over time, the ancient name of Nāoneala'a was forgotten and this beach park was given a common name of Kaneohe Beach Park; and

WHEREAS, the Ko'olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club and others in the community have brought the significance of Nāoneala'a to light in recent years and seek to have the name of the area renamed to Nāoneala'a a Kāne'ohe; and

WHEREAS, the Council believes that it is in the community's interest to recognize and honor the history and heritage of Kaneohe by restoring the name of



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Nāoneala'a to this area and by installing a storyboard and other signage indicating the area's historical value; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that Kaneohe Beach Park be renamed Nāoneala'a a Kāne'ohe; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council approves the installation of appropriate signage, including a storyboard, at the beach park indicating the significant historical events at Nāoneala'a, and requests the Department of Parks and Recreation to work collaboratively with the Ko'olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club and others in the community to design and install the signage and storyboard; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, the Managing Director, the Director of Parks and Recreation, and the Ko'olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club, P.O. Box 664, Kaneohe, Hawaii 96744.

INTRODUCED BY:

Ikaika Anderson

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

September 19, 2019
Honolulu, Hawaii

Councilmembers

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Introduced: 09/19/19 By: IKAIKA ANDERSON

Committee: PARKS, COMMUNITY
SERVICES AND
INTERGOVERNMENTAL
AFFAIRS

Title: RESOLUTION RENAMING KANEOHE BEACH PARK TO NĀONEALA'A A KĀNE'OHE.

Voting Legend: * = Aye w/Reservations

10/22/19	PARKS, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS	CR-306 – RESOLUTION REPORTED OUT OF COMMITTEE FOR ADOPTION. 3 AYES: ELEFANTE, KOBAYASHI, TSUNEYOSHI. 1 EXCUSED: PINE.
11/06/19	COUNCIL	RESOLUTION AMENDED TO FD1. 7 AYES: ELEFANTE, FUKUNAGA, KOBAYASHI, MANAHAN, MENOR, PINE, WATERS. 2 ABSENT: ANDERSON, TSUNEYOSHI. CR-306 AND RESOLUTION 19-235, FD1 WERE ADOPTED. 7 AYES: ELEFANTE, FUKUNAGA, KOBAYASHI, MANAHAN, MENOR, PINE, WATERS. 2 ABSENT: ANDERSON, TSUNEYOSHI.

I hereby certify that the above is a true record of action by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu on this RESOLUTION.


GLEN I. TAKAHASHI, CITY CLERK


IKAIKA ANDERSON, CHAIR AND PRESIDING OFFICER